

City of Costa Mesa

Parks and Recreation Commission

Requested Modifications to the Update of the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation Document  
Summary May 15, 2017

Modification	Note
<p>1. <b>Park Acreage &amp; Equity Map:</b> on page 59, the service area map should not include the community gardens. It should not have the full radius around Shalimar Park (only .18 acres). Furthermore, the circle-map, as-is, does not give us a clear picture of park inequity that can be used as a baseline to compare future state of affairs. In addition, this number should NOT include the 1.5 acres for schools; the best practices is to only count open green spaces that are available to the public anytime. Gated off areas on school property do not meet that criteria and should not be factored into the city's desired acreage/1,000 goal. In addition, Lions Park is not 12.8 acres of accessible park space; the true acreage of open, accessible green space should be in the OSMP, not 12.8 acres, much of which is a building, parking lot and fenced off, locked and inaccessible areas. This change would alter our actual # acres of park space.</p> <p>A further suggestion, looking to the future and knowing this plan will be used for years to come, is that the acres/1,000 people should be calculated for each of the 6 council district areas. In addition, these numbers can be compared against state averages for cities our size, as well as compare against the city's goal of 5.76 acres/1,000 (p28). This will give us a clear baseline of which Districts are facing the biggest inequity, and this data can be used as a factor in any future park planning; ensuring all residents are living in areas with park amenities.</p>	<p>Exhibit 3.3-1: Service Area Map replaced with OSR-2 Park Access Map from Costa Mesa General Plan. General Plan supersedes this document</p> <p>Park acreage developed from General Plan. General Plan supersedes this document.</p> <p>No changes to document</p> <p>The Master Plan was developed prior to the inclusion of the approved council districts. Analysis not included in current scope of work.</p> <p>Goals on page 28 are identified as being from the general plan. Previous narrative was taken from an earlier version of the draft General Plan. Current General Plan Goals have been updated. General Plan supersedes this document.</p> <p>Commission may request as part of recommendation to City Council.</p> <p>No changes to document</p>
<p>2. Here, my basic concern remains, in addition to my feedback provided before the March 15<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting (which goes into more detail), that the methods of data collection &amp; analysis, which drive the findings/recommendations, are not clearly articulated and, in some events, may not be accurately reflecting the true needs of the community.</p> <p>The methods dictate the kind of data collected. The data impacts our priorities for the next 10 years; it is critical we get them right, so that the rest of the process and planning we do is meaningful.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As a start, "Open Space" should be listed as one of our 'Highest' Priority Facilities in the OSMP (p118), not 'high'. Moreover, it seems that, in that same listing on p.118, the other elements should be double-checked for accuracy. In particular, having 'swimming pool' listed as a priority should be reviewed, after the methods and data analysis are reviewed (and revised) as follows.</li> </ol>	<p>Figure 19 reviewed in phone survey summary. Figure 19 (Q20) added to facility and program summary matrix on page 74 and 95. Matrix on page 118 updated.</p> <p>All program and facility priorities depend on funding mechanisms available. As funding for one priority becomes available it should be considered above other priorities that</p>

	<p>2. <b>Please review the matrices on p. 74 and p.95.</b> The data on these pages impact the priorities listed on p. 73 and 94...There is a need to have a clear explanation of the methods and basically, let us know, 'what did it take/ what was the threshold to get an item to receive an 'x' in the matrices?'. Without knowing the methods, we simply cannot know if the data is valid or not. For instance, if the Q17 "what is one facility you would like to see..." was used for the first column, this skews the data away from Open Space, as respondents would likely not consider 'open space' to be a facility (by definition, it is the absence of facilities). Therefore, it is unclear how open space could make it into the 'x' for any of the resident phone survey columns (although it clearly should if the question Q20 was factored in, at 43%).</p>	<p>may not be achievable due to current funding.</p> <p>Highest and High Priorities have been relabeled to "Top Priorities" (Any Program or Facility with a rank of 3 or more)</p> <p>Representative tools are weighted x2 due to the statistical reliability of the respondents being representative of a cross section of the city's demography as illustrated in Table 7 of the phone survey. Inclusive Tools are weighted x1 due to the information being generated respondents in an open forum. This clarification has been added to the text on page 73 and 94.</p>
3.	<p>In addition to the questionable/unclear methods, highlighted above, it is also interesting that, for instance, the Commissions in the city were not engaged via focus group- for instance, the Senior Commission (given the Plan's mention of the projected expansion of that population) or the Arts Commission at a minimum...Data is only as good as the methods used, and when the methods skew toward over-gathering of sports-related data, the outcome will inevitably be sports-related issues are prioritized.</p> <p><i>*As a side-note, please do not interpret my critique as an assault on sports. I grew up playing organized sports from about age 6-26; sports gave my siblings and I opportunities we never would have otherwise had. I <u>love</u> organized sports. Lest my comments are taken out of context as they were (by some) during the Study Session, I personally am not anti-sports. Rather, I am pro-social science. I simply want our city's planning to be evidence-based and data-driven.</i></p>	<p>Stakeholders selected for interviews included high ranking city officials, school board members, as well as neighboring city officials as well.</p> <p>The Senior Commission was not yet to be formally established in the initial stage of the project and the Arts Committee is undergoing their own Arts Master Plan document.</p> <p>No changes to document.</p>
4.	<p>Penn State study shows that folks in 60-70's use parks more than children under 14. Only 31% of HH have children under 18. By 2030, population of folks over 65 will increase 130% from now. This distinction bears out in the data from the community meetings and survey</p>	<p>No changes to document.</p>
5.	<p>P.65 (big binder) highlights that although some interested in active sports fields, most want to leave FV as-is.</p>	<p>No changes to document.</p>
6.	<p>Older generation wants more natural open spaces; their population is only increasing</p>	<p>No changes to document.</p>
7.	<p>Soccer and lax are on the increase while baseball and softball are on decline</p>	<p>No changes to document.</p>
8.	<p>Mentioned, got input from approximately 9,124 residents. How did you come up with that #? Even if you estimate up that your 400 interviews represents 1,000 folks; when you add 19 sport surveys to 20 key informant interviews to 4 community workshops –even if had 100 folks (unduplicated) at each, that brings to 2,000. Please remove wording of 9,124 – is misleading.</p>	<p>Data is explained in in Executive Summary Page 14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourteen interviews (27 individuals)</li> <li>• Four Workshops (77 individuals)</li> <li>• Nineteen Sports Organizations (8,263 participants)</li> <li>• Four hundred completed phone calls in telephone survey</li> </ul>

		<p>(representing 1,060 residents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total combined data collection 9,427.</li> </ul> <p>Document corrected to reflect this number.</p>
9.	For the Community Forums- what was the unduplicated # of participants? Was Spanish translation offered? Was it ever needed/used?	<p>The telephone surveys were conducted via random sample method conducted in English and Spanish. There was no duplication of participants. The Community workshops were conducted in English only participants were encouraged to attend all workshops as they were open to the entire public. Unduplicated participants in this forum were not tracked. Stakeholder interviews were conducted in English only. There was no duplication of participants. Sports Organization Questionnaires were conducted in English only there was no duplication of individual league participants.</p> <p>No changes to document</p>
10.	P. 73 and 94 descriptions of the purple/orange color coding is different – clarify which is correct.	Coloring has been modified to reflect only “Top Priorities” (Any Program or Facility with a rank of 3 or more)
11.	<p>P.74 table. This is a bizarre way to prioritize. I take issue with the conclusions drawn from this method. The ‘representative’ vs ‘inclusive’ is odd; giving weight to the resident survey 2x, then again including their wants under ‘inclusive’ as well; out of proportion.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Community Workshops should be aggregated into one variable, not 4. This prevents the over-reporting of issues that advocates may show up to meetings to voice, amplifying 4x through this system. Furthermore, we do not know if participants were duplicated or unduplicated so counting individual meetings is not common practice—rather, reporting the aggregate from series of community meetings is the norm. The implications that soccer, lights and multi-use fields are the priority is flawed based on this data.</p>	<p>Representative tools are weighted x2 due to the statistical reliability of the respondents being representative of a cross section of the city’s demography as illustrated in Table 7 of the phone survey. Inclusive Tools are weighted x1 due to the information being generated by a much smaller of respondents in an open forum. This clarification has been added to the text on page 73 and 94.</p> <p>With the exception of workshop 1 (Conducted two times at the request of the city to offer a chance for different geographic regions of the city residents to participant) each workshop was conducted with different questions and focus (Community Characteristics, Sports, and Prioritization). The workshops were all open to the public giving everyone a chance to take part. No one is turned away from the workshops.</p>

	<p>Furthermore, regarding soccer, seeing the p.72 estimates for CM residents, rather than the general estimates shows a soccer SURPLUS. This should be factored in as well. Lastly, was the question asked about trails or walking programs? This ranks high (which I don't dispute, given the survey results and community meeting results) but I'm unclear about why it ranks as the highest facility AND program need...It seems to be more of a facility question.</p>	<p>No changes to document</p> <p>The estimates referred to on page 72 is a comparison of Costa Mesa Residents and ALL participants (including non-Costa Mesa Residents). No Soccer surplus exists with Costa Mesa Residents (Exhibit 3.7-2) as fields outside city limits are removed from inventory. Column A shows a -4.3 deficit. Leagues with non-resident participation is approved via Council adopted policy.</p> <p>No changes made to document</p>
12.	<p>Was the question of walk/run/trail/jog asked as facilities or as programs? It is ranked highly, and is mentioned in the analysis of both 'facilities needed' and 'programs needed'. Trying to get clarity about the intent b/c this was a critical ask- especially for Latino population (trails)</p>	<p>The participants (based on their responses / workshop discussions) included "walk/run/trail/jog" as both facilities and programs. This information was recorded per the guidelines of RJM's process in listening to the community. Data was recorded as it was provided.</p> <p>No changes to document</p>
13.	<p>Latino respondent highlights: Higher rate want self-improvement/career development. Far higher rate concerned with crime over homelessness and concerned with trails at FV and citywide.</p>	<p>No changes to document</p>
14.	<p>Big binder p.65 states that Q22 results; the presentation of this is quite misleading; q22 was a leading question and therefore, not an entirely valid measure (75% of Latinos want fields at FV). Please see Q21 for a more accurate depiction of what the community wants. Here, you see that 27% white, 37% lat. want 'no changes' to FV. The biggest change Latinos DO want is 14% trails, 5% sports fields (n=4).</p>	<p>Q22 was designed to identify degree of interest in a proposed use at Fairview Park. The description of the park as well as the question was reviewed and approved by the city. Q21 is an open end question with the aim of identifying the one facility most desired. All Subject Matters and Questions were approved by City prior to calling.</p> <p>No changes to document</p>
15.	<p>From the KII, it seems that JUA's are contentious, not as beneficial, ideal as would like. Is that true- that was what I gleaned from the reading. P.38 mentions as a GOAL "encourage use of school facility in non-school hours". HOW IS THAT BEING 'ENCOURAGED' now? From what I see, there is an increase in fencing (Adams) and are these schools being 'encouraged' to keep the gates unlocked? What are the actual 'encouragement strategies'?</p>	<p>Strategies in developing JUA's is beyond the limitations of this document and is handled on an administrative level between City staff, legal and other involved party and ultimately approved by Council.</p> <p>No changes to document</p>
16.	<p>P.131 suggestions for artificial turf; what is the plan for deciding where this is done? Has it been done already; it seems reasonable (as the plan suggests) to do this to fields that have also lighting—this way it makes these the highest use fields b.c daylight will not be a constraint.</p>	<p>A separate study was conducted by the NMUSD, as was requested by the City, apart from the development of this document. The recommendations for artificial turf are one method to</p>

		<p>provide additional field time to leagues without developing additional new field space.</p> <p>No changes to document</p>
17.	<p>P. 49 it was noted in KII that '2.6 acres/1,000'. What was that in reference to? Was the interviewee simply misinformed? It says p. 58 that the 2015 GP has 3.66 as the amount. It seems from the breakdown, 415.09 acres and 114,603 folks, we are at 3.6.</p>	<p>2.6 acres may have been the result of a non-industry calculation by the interviewee. Acres per population corrected no other changes made to interview response.</p>
18.	<p>As you know, this is far below the average. Recent TPL Park Equity brief has large cities averaging 7, less dense cities around 12/ 1,000. Santa Ana is at 1.5, LA is at 9. This is – and should remain- calculated WITHOUT addition of school grass area. HOWEVER, p. 28 shows that a GOAL is 5.76 acres (4.26 from city and 1.5 from schools). This is NOT a best practice; unless your JUAs are all in effect and have open access at all times school is not in session. Who has the keys when there are gates? If a green space cannot be accessed by a member of the public at any time, it should not be counted (e.g. gated off areas with locked gates should not count in the open space/1,000 people #s)</p>	<p>Park acreage goal developed from General Plan. Previous narrative was pulled from an old version of the draft General Plan. Current General Plan Goals have been updated. General Plan supersedes this document.</p>
19.	<p>P.59 map. What is the park score? From the map, we can't see what % of CM residents cannot access a park within a ½ mile. Knowing that % is key. Also, I take issue with the ½ mile access circles around community gardens and other parks that are less than ½ acre. These are not sufficient for large scale physical activity, so should not factor into this map. 5, 10, 15, 23 should be removed for a clearer picture of the actual opportunity for PA.</p>	<p>Exhibit 3.3-1: Service Area Map replaced with OSR-2 Park Access Map from Costa Mesa General Plan. General Plan supersedes this document</p>
20.	<p>LIONS PARK (p.28 GOAL was "retain all existing open space in Lyons") Lions Park- listed as 12.82 acres (p.264);</p> <p>What % of the 12.82 acres is actually accessible to the public (not fenced and locked)?</p>	<p>Goals on page 28 are identified as being from the general plan. Previous narrative was pulled from an old version of the draft General Plan. Current General Plan Goals have been updated. General Plan supersedes this document.</p> <p>Calculation of fenced vs. non fenced area is beyond the limitations of this document.</p> <p>No changes to document</p>
21.	<p>What are plans for weeding/ increasing sand to make safer for landing? Larger issue, what is the situation city-wide with the new 2015 Compliance Guide for 'safety surfaces under swings" (p.64)?</p>	<p>Sand is no longer rated as a safety surface suitable for play structures with a fall height greater than 4 feet.</p> <p>No changes to document.</p>
22.	<p>P.63 references 'general backlog of required maintenance and 'restrooms should be considered for removal'—why not renovation of restroom?</p>	<p>Document states "The restroom at Lions Park should be considered for removal due to ongoing transient issues."</p> <p>City Council to recommend desired modification to document.</p>
23.	<p>What about the picnic shelter that was already removed? Is there a plan to replace?</p>	<p>No recommendations have been made as part of this document.</p>

24.	What is the function of the area that is gated off (black fence); will the city reserve that for birthday parties/ quincineras? If so, what is rental cost and how that differs from rental of a picnic shelter cost? When will it go into effect/ usage? Can it be unlocked when not actively rented out?	Question directed to staff.  No changes made to document.
25.	Why is baseball field locked when not actively having a game? Restrooms as well? Has it always been fenced and locked off? What is function of the green plastic in the fencing? It blocks view; making safety an issue given the importance of line-of-sight.	Question directed to staff.  No changes made to document.
26.	The kiosk selling food/beverages- will that be in line with healthy standards? How will this be determined?	Page 85 outlines the Ten Principles for Building Healthy Place: including Promote Access to Healthy Food. Page 97 also recommends promoting healthy choices to community members.  No change to document
27.	Also, p.114 mentions budget for a 'monument signage'. Is that the highest best use of those funds? Lyons has many other issues; monument doesn't seem to be at the top of a priority list. Was it grant funded that must be spent on that?	Exhibit 5.2-1 outlines the Current Fiscal Year Projects (at the time of the development of this report). Question directed to staff.  No changes made to document.
28.	P.102 mentions setting up a foundation- 501c3. What is function? Has the city had problems getting \$ recently? What other P&R Departments/Cities have created a 501c3? Is this a common best practice?	This is a common best practice for cities to collect and direct funds. Question directed to staff.  No changes made to document.
29.	P.111 mentions that trees will be removed when dead (this is good) but mentions nothing of goals to replace them; in fact no mention of shade structures in the entire plan. The new trend is to look at shade coverage as a key amenity to foster healthy, active lifestyles—especially in SoCal. There should at least be thought given to this, as well as consideration of costs and how to get those factored into future planning.	Trees should be replanted as they die. Shade coverage study is beyond the limitations of this document.  No changes to document.
30.	P.113 mentions the upkeep of fencing. However, there is no mention of those fences being unlocked/ open to public. What good is an amenity if it is blocking usage by the general public. Some mention of gates/locking should be made.	Fencing identified on page 113 was in response to existing fencing around landscaping areas and pedestrian circulation. Repairs and fencing inspections were recommended to prevent injury to public. Analysis of locked areas is beyond the limitations of this document.  No changes to document.
31.	P.117 mentions Sustainable Performance System; please take the last bullet (health) out of that—it seems to be a side note. It should be removed from here and called out on its own. There are other- better- ways to get a health consideration factored into planning and parks decisions. The authors mention Healthy Costa Mesa (p.101). There needs to be consideration of what this means for CM; I've done work with Healthy Ontario, Anahiem, LB, SA and these coalitions are costly to maintain and require grant funding and dedicated city staff. If there is going to be a new position for a 'healthy planner' type staff, this person could convene such a coalition as a part of their job description. There are countless best practices of how best to set this up and it may be something that could benefit the city. It should not be subsumed under the SPS mentioned- as it is too	Healthy parks should be a priority and will require a staff person to coordinate. This does not mean a new person. Just reallocation of doing things the same old way. Obesity and health are major issues. Bullet point to be separated.

	important to be 1 of 10 elements of an SPS. Frankly, this is a priority given the public health implications.	
32.	<p>There should be clear connections between findings, recommendations, and proposed investments, so that we understand which capital projects or other recommendations we should prioritize and why. This is clear in some cases – but there are many recommendations which seem unfounded; and I have struggled to reconcile the budget proposals with the identified needs. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The list of priorities on page 73 doesn't seem consistent with the data/results on page 74. I know there are methodological questions about how the results are tabulated in the table on page 74, but once that is updated, the list of summarized priorities should be consistent with rankings in the table. It is not currently consistent.</li> <li>• Page 76 Opportunity Sites - It's not clear to me how these sites relate to the findings in the previous section (page 73). For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why are only two parks listed? Aren't all parks opportunity sites for increase open space/passive rec; picnic tables; and other identified needs?</li> <li>• Why is Victoria Pond on the list, what priority need does that serve?</li> <li>• What is the North Costa Mesa Master Plan? Should that be listed on page 29?</li> <li>• What is the "City Funded Feasibility Study"? Is this meant to reference the lighted fields study?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Program Needs – on pages 94-95, we list the results and findings for Program Needs; then the following section provides many pages of recommendations for various types of programs. The recommendations are interesting; however there aren't clear connections between the needs and the recommendations. E.g., the highest priority need is Walking/Jogging/Running/Hiking – which specific recommendation addresses that need? RJM should highlight or indicate which among the recommendations listed on pages 96-103 should be the highest &amp; high priority based on the results of the needs analysis.</li> <li>• P108 – why doesn't park grounds &amp; amenities include benches, picnic tables, bike racks – all identified as needs in previous sections?</li> <li>• Pg 119 Recommendations – this is the first place there seems to be some clear linking between identified priorities/needs with recommendations. However, it's incomplete (doesn't address all identified priority needs, limited new ideas; one idea that I do not recommend For example:</li> </ul>	<p>Priorities have been modified. Highest and High Priorities have been relabeled to "Top Priorities" (Any Program or Facility with a rank of 3 or more). Consistency have been checked and corrected.</p> <p>All parks can be opportunities. Only a few parks were identified, strictly as examples. Final decisions rest with Council direction as new projects are developed. This is identified on page 127.</p> <p>North Costa Mesa Specific Plan is identified and explained on page 129. It is not necessary to add it to page 29.</p> <p>Yes, it is referenced on page 131.</p> <p>Recommendations are made based on Several Team Members Analysis. The final recommendations are also developed by overall experience and analysis of the input tools used in this study. The recommendations are not developed in a zero sum fashion.</p> <p>The charts have been updated based on comments received and noted.</p> <p>Added "Park amenities should be reviewed on a regular basis in accordance with current staffing and funding levels. " page 108.</p> <p>This section deals with maintenance recommendations not additional park amenities.</p> <p>No changes to document.</p> <p>The Master Plan Document is not intended to be a rigid one size fits all document, with one to one specific recommendations. It is intended and</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some of the highest and high priority programs are missing from the table --- why isn't Arts/Crafts/Fine Arts in this table? Why isn't bicycling or community gardens in the Summary table?</li> <li>The only recommendation related to the two highest facility &amp; program needs (Walking/Jogging/Running/Hiking Trails and Science and Nature Education) is "Continued implementation of the Fairview Park Master Plan" – it seems lacking that we would limit recommendations on this item to only one park. We should have proposals to increase these recreational and program needs at multiple parks and throughout the city.</li> <li>Almost all of the recommendations in this summary table are things the Parks &amp; Rec Department is already doing. I think this means our department is doing a great job understanding need, but it also seems to me the consultant is not being very innovative or comprehensive in recommendations. This table needs to do a better job of addressing all identified/prioritized needs with recommendations that serve the whole city.</li> <li>Pg 136+ Budget proposals – It's not clear how the budget proposals build on the recommendations. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a high priority need for open space &amp; passive recreation; there is a recommendation to invest in Green Streets or Parkways for park-poor areas; but there are no budget line items I can see that invest in this need/recommendation</li> <li>The needs assessment notes a lack of picnic tables; the budget includes some picnic shelters, but not tables and not at all parks.</li> <li>I'm perplexed at how our budget proposal can include no investment in several parks (Shalimar, Ketchum, Mesa Verde, Suburbia, Wimbledon) – does this imply RJM believes these parks already meet needs of residents?</li> <li>The budget includes no investments in community gardens, but expanding community gardens was a recommendation mentioned at least twice in the report....</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>common practice among city governments to utilize the recommendations throughout the document as different opportunities develop over time including, funding sources, partnerships, grants, and planned development. Park and Recreation Master Plans are designed to be guides for the orderly development of city recreation facilities not step by step manuals. All action taken is at the discretion as set forth by the City.</p> <p>The summary table of the top 4 recommendations was develop at staff request. All other recommendations throughout the document are to be developed and perused at staff discretion.</p> <p>No limits are placed on the city from pursuing various combinations of opportunities at multiple locations. The recommendation listed is simply one option for the city to begin their journey in supporting Walking / Jogging/Running/Hiking Trails. Many other opportunities do exist and can change as the opportunities change over the course of time. Identifying all options available to the city is beyond the limitations of this document.</p> <p>Added text: Improvements should also reflect Measure AA "An Initiative Requiring Changes in Use at Fairview Park be Subject to Municipal Code" to require changes to Fairview Park, as defined, be subject to voters approval in conjunction with City review and approval.</p> <p>The planning that went into the document was developed over the course of nearly two years, with combined coordination between staff and the consultant. The fact staff has already began to pursue these recommendations is just one result of that close coordination.</p> <p>Land Acquisition Mentioned on pg 67.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are all just examples ---- we need a better mapping between findings, recommendations, and budget proposals to make sure our budget considerations included all identified needs, and ideally are consistent with prioritized needs.</li> </ul>	<p>This section was developed with staff. Question directed to staff.</p> <p>Gardens mentioned on page 13, 34, 65, 85, 86, 91, 94, 112, 116, 117, 123, 149, ..... 138 has a cost placeholder. The cost on this is very nebulous.</p> <p>Text added to section 5.5 page 134</p>
33.	<p>This was my primary issue during the first review and I still feel strongly that the existing map is both inappropriate and misleading. I had three primary comments in the first study session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If this is a map to demonstrate park access, it should not include parks that do not provide public access – we agreed that if need a key to access the park (or community garden), then it's not a publicly-accessible park and should be removed from this map.</li> <li>The bubbles should no cross major roadways; bubbles should be truncated at streets that we would not want children to cross along; e.g., streets that define neighborhoods – this should include 19th , Adams, Placentia, Harbor, Newport, Fairview and possibly others.</li> <li>The map is very misleading by only showing the 0.5 mile radius to the park and not considering the size of the park or density of community around the park. For example, it seems absurd that the service bubble for Shalimar park would be the same size at the service bubble for Canyon Park.</li> <li>Based on a second review of the doc and all my other comments, I would rather scrap this map and replace the map with a park equity map developed through a separate process. Whether we fix the existing map or take on a park equity mapping exercise, the map is its current state is useful and misleading.</li> <li>Pg 110 includes the following recommendation – “Explore opportunities to develop Green Streets or Linear Parkways within the park-poor section of the town” - This is an important recommendation that is consistent with identified facility and program needs (open space/recreation)... but the report needs to identify or define which are the “park-poor” areas of town. This should be very clear in the report; seems to me it should come out of the park mapping; but need to fix methods on the park mapping. Are there specific definitions of “park-poor”? How do you identify “park-poor” areas?</li> </ul>	<p>Exhibit 3.3-1: Service Area Map replaced with OSR-2 Park Access Map from Costa Mesa General Plan. General Plan supersedes this document.</p> <p>The addition of a “park equity map” may be considered by the City Council.</p> <p>No changes to document</p> <p>Industry standard practice identifies park poor areas as ones that fall outside of any park radius.</p> <p>OSR-2 Park Access Map shows in “pink” color Residential Underserved Areas</p>
34.	<p>Page 37 – Park Inventory</p> <p>I would like to see these data updated to reflect actual park inventory at the time of report publishing, but I understand inventory is often changing and this is only a snapshot. At minimum, the chart should include the date/timeframe during which PJM/staff collected data and a note that park inventory may have changed data were collected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is “LOA” in the Parking column?</li> <li>There is a sideways “1” in the “Model Planes” column</li> <li>Please check Lions Park acreage</li> <li>Please update inventory for Wilson Park picnic tables</li> </ul> <p>Where is the RJM analysis of these data? I’m surprised there are no comments about lack of drinking fountains, lack of bike racks, etc... RJM should be reviewing these data, comparing them to some park standard, and listing recommendations</p>	<p>Data for the inventory was developed from the general plan, field investigations, and staff review over a year ago.</p> <p>LOA was a typo and corrected to LOS. Corrected should be an upright “1” Checked and verified in general plan Inventory was developed based on findings at time of tour of park.</p> <p>Developing set City park standards and evaluating parks against existing</p>

	based on which parks are missing standard amenities, and which parks are missing enhanced amenities that are perhaps in line with our community goals and program needs, etc.	or proposed park standards was not part of the scope of the document.
35.	<p>Figure references</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On pages 24 &amp; 25, there are many references to Exhibit 1.5-1, but the actual figure does not match the text. Please correct these by either referencing the appropriate figures (in appendix) or adding the referenced data into the report</li> <li>same comment on 1.5-2 on the following pages –</li> </ul>	References reviewed against original demographic report. Two tables added to reference.
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**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** ParkDistrict2  
**Subject:** Page 76 of RJM Open Space Master Plan Update, 3/15/2017

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** ParkDistrict1; ParkDistrict2; ParkDistrict3; ParkDistrict3; ParkDistrict5  
**Cc:** CM Park Support  
**Subject:** Tanager Park/Master Plan update  
**Attachments:** Tanager Park, please preserve as is.docx

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**MESA VERDE COMMUNITY, INC.**  
***"To Inform, Protect and Beautify Mesa Verde"***

April 24, 2017

Parks and Recreation Commission  
77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California

Re: Tanager Park and Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

Honorable Commissioners,

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We share the neighbors concern about the plan on Page 76 of the Consultants' report, showing a public pool facility and two substantial parking lots in Tanager Park. Tanager was designated as a passive park many years ago. It is a quiet, peaceful and much enjoyed asset to the neighborhood. Residents of the single family homes and nearby apartments all enjoy Tanager Park's gently rolling grassy areas, mature trees and meandering paths as a quiet respite from a busy world. Some look forward to it on a daily basis. Some homeowners told us they specifically bought their homes because of the park.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED] resident

Mesa Verde Community, Inc. Board of Directors

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** MARTIN, JUSTIN  
**Subject:** Parks and Rec Meeting- Agenda Item 9(b)

Raja/Bart,

We hereby oppose any efforts to install a public pool at Tanager Park as called for in the current draft Parks Master Plan which is on the Parks Commission agenda for Thursday night. There will be several residents there to speak publicly on this item and we request that staff have the visual, Pg. 128 of the Plan, available on the screen for review during public comment.

Thank you.

## Comments on Open Space Master Plan Update by RJM Design Group 2017

I think RJM Design Group did a good job of gathering information from a number of sources and representing what they gathered in their booklets.

My primary objection is with RJM's recommendation for putting in a permanent lights and a synthetic field at Parsons/Waldorf field. From my reading of RJM's data – it looks like it is what the stakeholders want and no one else. More importantly there is no need for it.

The other two synthetic fields and lights at Davis and Kaiser I think should have further community and sport group input without the stakeholders influence. More on that later.

There are two booklets the '**Final Report**' (FR) and '**Appendix**' (A).

The sources they gathered their information from were: stakeholders, the community, 18 (but really 17) organized sport groups and the telephone survey. The telephone survey called 400 households representing approximately 9,124 residents (**Final Report pg 47**)

First some information errors.

### **Final Report page 114-Exhibit 5.2-1 Current Fiscal Year Projects**

Because of Measure AA passing all projects related to Fairview Park can stay except the Bluff Stairs (South) in Fairview Park for 350,000 and , Southeast Entrance/Parking Lot 500,000. Also, what are the 'improvements' for \$250,000?

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So, why do I think Parsons field doesn't need permanent lighting and a synthetic turf field? There is statistical information presented that needs to be remembered when you get to RJM's recommendations. Such as,

**Appendix page 8** – It talks about the pattern growth in the City's population by age group comparable to the pattern among County residents from 2000 to 2010. I quote – "the highest rates of population growth were documented among residents 55 to 64 years of age (up 43% in 2010 from 2000) and those 65 years or older (25%)."

"the greatest decline in population by age group was evidenced among City residents 5 to 9 years of age (-17%), those 25 to 44 years of age (-10%) and those under 5 years of age (-7%)."



Thus, the volume of children less than 15 years has declined, **a harbinger of potential change in needs for programs and facilities for residents in this age group.** Similar age group declines were noted Countywide”

(also notice that age 10-14 on the chart declined by 3% (-3%). “Examining the population of the City by age, residents 5 to 14 years of age (the primary youth sports population group) represented 11% of the total population in 2000 and in 2010.”

#### Telephone Survey

**Appendix page 76** of the telephone survey, notice what most residents are doing (walking/jogging/running/hiking) up to 73% but also look at the ‘Note’ on the bottom when it talks about this 11% of residents when it says that not even all 11% participate in youth sports.

If you look at the data from Parks and Rec. – NO youth sport groups have been turned away in 6 years or more! If you look at the telephone survey, you’ll see that out of the 400 households interviewed 73% (that’s most of them) participate and like to and walk/jog/run/hike. This may be one reason why on page 74, you see that Fairview Park had the highest growth of users. (up to 21% in 2016 as opposed to 7% in 2002).

But that’s not just my conclusion but RJM’s as well. On page 75 says it on the bottom;

“As Figure 13 illustrates, the highest growth in participation from the 2002 to 2016 surveys of residents was noted for Walking, Jogging, Running, Hiking (from 46% to 73%), for Picnicking in Picnic table Sites (from 47% to 54%), and for Bicycling for Recreation (from 33% to 49%).”

Page 82 – “Nearly 85% of residents polled stated they are Very or Somewhat Satisfied with existing maintenance of parks and recreation facilities in the City of Costa Mesa.”

So we’ve looked at census population and the overwhelming conclusion of the telephone survey. A high priority for us is our natural open space. We love our natural open space for walking, jogging, running, hiking, and biking. We also love picnicking.

There were three other groups targeted for their input. One was the stakeholders. Who are the stakeholders? **(FR 48)** they were 12 executives. Who were the 12 executives? “high ranking individuals from local school districts, City of Costa Mesa , and Newport Beach.” They were interviewed on Sept.2, 2014. Why wasn’t the public notified or allowed to watch?

The other group was the community and the third group was the sport organizations.

If you look at the community workshops and what they wanted.

## Appendix 14-36

Most of them wanted more and/or to preserve the Open Space we have. Wanted to continue walking, jogging, and bicycling, wanted lights on existing fields (permanent or not), wanted to improve and maintain existing fields, and a small percentage of other things.

But what did these 12 high-ranking individuals say?

Question: Is what they said ranked in priority?

"Natural turf fields are being overused/they need fields, athletic facilities, lack of sports fields."

Really? Why doesn't the data support that? And how can that be true as well as their next need.

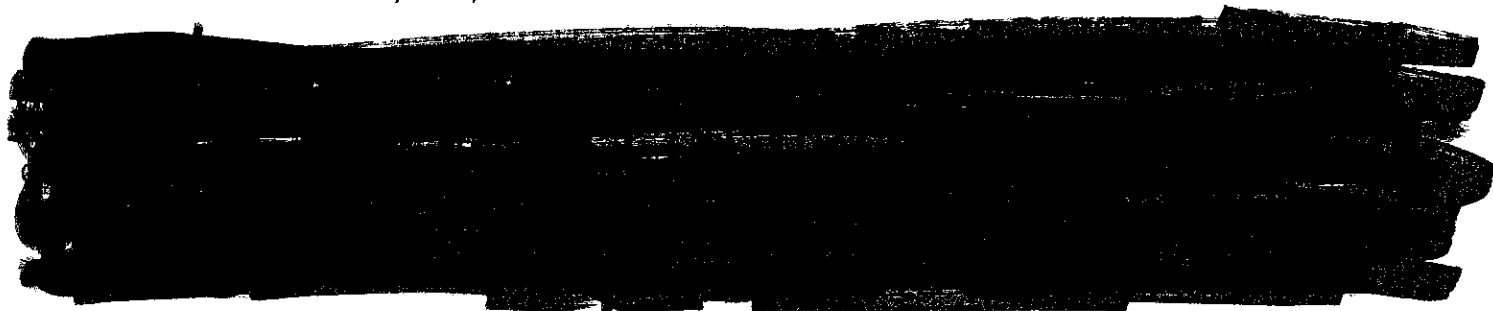
These twelve 'high-ranking individuals' said they 'Need new influx of younger demographics' Really? I thought you needed more fields? How can you both be true? If you need more fields and yet say you 'need new influx of younger demographics', then who are our fields going to if it's not our youth?

The census data supports a decline of 20% for ages 5-14 and up 43% ages 55-64 years old.

These 12 'high-ranking individuals' also said and that 'City is in a state of "tug-of-war" young vs. don't change anything-longtime resident. Wrong tug of war – it's between money-obsessed developers and the community as a whole. Remember Measure AA passed with 70.9% of the residents' votes.

**(FR 49)** These 12 "high-ranking officials" think we should have 2.6 acres of open space per 1,000 residents. WOW! Good thing these 'high-ranking officials' aren't controlling Costa Mesa, or are they? The CM General Plan calls out for 4.26 acres of open space per 1000 residents. I'm not liking these high-ranking official wants.....

Even when we are giving our fields away to nonresidents, No Youth Groups turned away – (See Parks and Rec. for last 6 years)



[REDACTED]

I notice Friday Night Lights wasn't included in the 18 Sport Group Organizations interviewed (FR54)

And of course if you read on, the other questions asked them about the most important facilities it's "Need facilities for organized sports" "Synthetic Fields"

This leads me to the Recreation Facility Recommendations: (FR108 and 109)

I am appalled at the recommendation that the city is assumed to be moving in the direction of "all weather/synthetic fields". We don't want synthetic fields and more importantly we don't need them. I

f you look at the 18 Sport Organizations Surveyed –

(Appendix 41 – 49), you'll notice that AYSO 120 didn't even respond to this important survey (of which [REDACTED] used to be president of and still very much involved in this business) Why wouldn't AYSO120 WANT to respond to this important survey? Could it be their numbers are NOT what they say they are? So,,,,,City staff approximated how many Costa Mesa residents played on our fields to be 80% - I object to anyone guessing a percentage for an exact statistical analysis for such an important Open Space Master Plan Update.

Notice, AYSO 97 has 2307 players and 49.4% are from CM. AYSO 120 is ESTIMATED (because they didn't respond) to the survey at 650 players yet they still get 13 of our fields – one more than AYSO97 with 2307, 4x more players. AYSO120 gets 13 fields total for playing and 12 for practicing – MORE THAN ANY OTHER SPORT GROUP - 6 fields at Jack Hammett Sports Complex, 2 fields at TeWinkle School, 2 fields at Balearic Park, 2 fields at California Elementary, and one field at Victoria Elementary.

Why do they get so many fields. They don't even respond to a survey and they don't pay ANY fees for using this exorbitant amount of fields. Why does Pateadores Recreation League which has 329 players with 90% from Costa Mesa have only two fields at Vanguard University for playing and none for practicing? I think field usage policy and group status may be undermined by the twelve 'high-ranking officials'. The other 17 sport groups surveyed didn't get as many fields as AYSO120 – the only one that didn't respond to the survey. Why were they included in the survey then? What about Friday Night Lights and Pop Warner? Why weren't they surveyed?

Notice the 17 other sport groups are very happy with what they are using

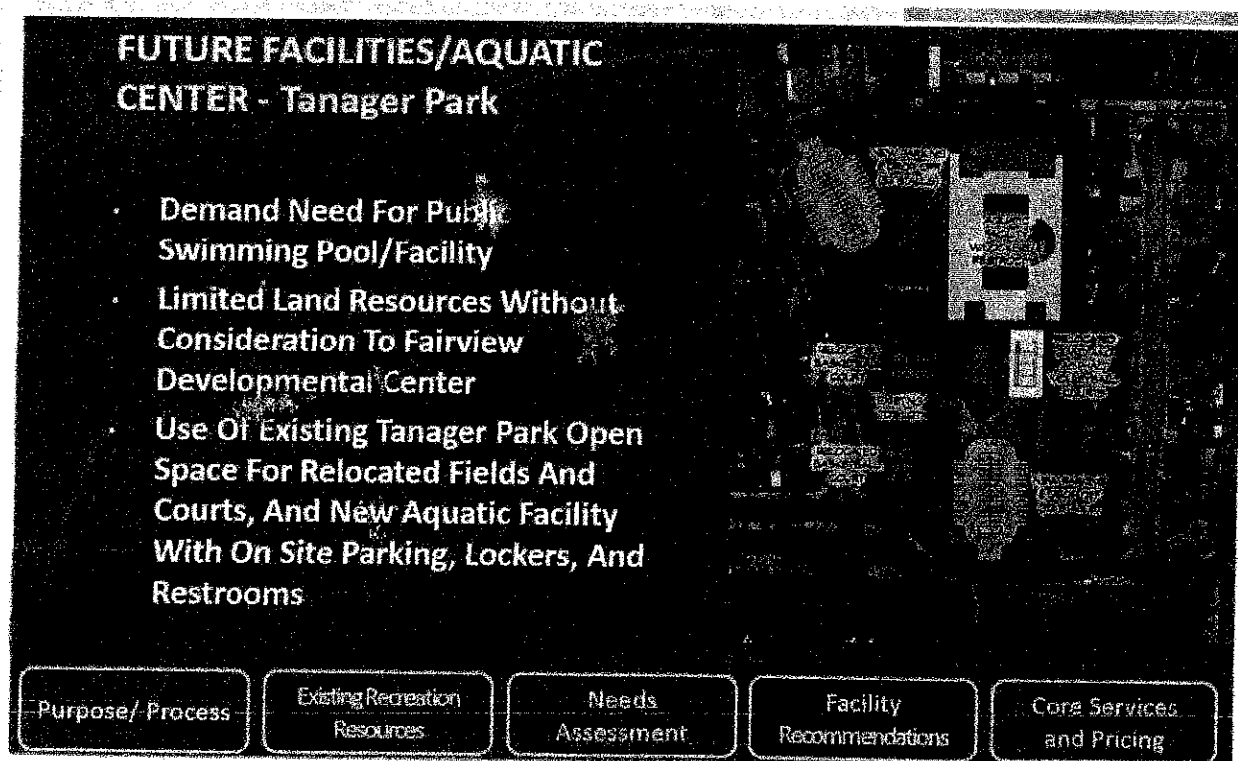
**(FR71)** "When analyzing only demand from Costa Mesa residents, the needs ratio for organized youth baseball games is one field for every 10,350 residents. The required number of fields is 11.1 fields. Compared to the existing inventory of fields within the City, there would be a surplus of 2.9 fields. However, this would not satisfy the needs of all leagues using Costa Mesa fields." So if we took care of our residents first we would have a surplus.

# Protect Tanager Park from Demolition

Did you know that there's a plan to replace Tanager Park with a high-traffic Aquatics Facility and two parking lots?

We love Tanager Park's open spaces, walkways and trees as-is. Do you? Let our city leaders know your opinion by signing now.

## Opportunity Sites



**FUTURE FACILITIES/AQUATIC CENTER - Tanager Park**

- Demand Need For Public Swimming Pool/Facility
- Limited Land Resources Without Consideration To Fairview Developmental Center
- Use Of Existing Tanager Park Open Space For Relocated Fields And Courts, And New Aquatic Facility With On Site Parking, Lockers, And Restrooms

Purpose/ Process   Existing Recreation Resources   Needs Assessment   Facility Recommendations   Core Services and Pricing

Image: page 76 "City of Costa Mesa Update of the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation" <http://www.costamesaca.gov/ftp/parksandrecreation/agenda/2017/2017-03-15/731-07ReportSummary-March15,2017.pdf>

## **Protect Tanager Park from Demolition**

**The undersigned residents of Costa Mesa respectfully submit** this Petition to the Costa Mesa Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, City Council and other responsible governmental agencies.

**We strongly oppose the installation of an Aquatics Center and associated parking lots and structures at Tanager Park in Mesa Verde.**

- Tanager Park is currently a well-utilized neighborhood park, enjoyed by neighborhood homeowners and the residents of the nearby apartment communities of 27 Seventy Five Mesa Verde and Harbor Village Apartments. **The proposed Aquatics Center and 104 parking places would destroy its use as a neighborhood park.**
- Tanager Park's surrounding neighborhood is not suitable for an increase in traffic and parking requirements on a daily basis. **Increased traffic would jeopardize the safety of neighborhood children.**
- Protect the park's open, lush green areas, fully mature trees and meandering walkways for **use by all residents.**
- An Aquatics Center would **destroy the quiet enjoyment** of and **negatively affect home values** in the neighborhood.

We urge you to reject this  
Aquatics Center proposal  
outright.

\* included 149 properties

**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** ParkDistrict5  
**Subject:** 4/27/2017 PRC meeting comments

Commissioner F. [REDACTED]

Congratulations on being the only one of the 5 commissioners in the referent PRC meeting to focus on the central issue with the RJM 3/15/2017 Report, namely, RJM's total failure to specify needs/demands rankings criteria .

That referent Agenda Staff Report clearly showed me RJM's, and even the P&R staff's, disrespect, even disdain, for you PRC. That 545-page Report was padded with repetitive verbiage, completely void of the above rankings criteria, full of stale data (i.e., "Stakeholder/Executive Interviews" in 2014; "telephone interviews" in January 2016; "community workshops" in mid-2016), and thin or missing "demand needs analysis" rationale.

In short, RJM and P&R staff expected you 5 to be just wowed by the volume of that Agenda Report, as well as the "expert" gobbledegook, and just roll over with "Approved" without any further work needed on this Update.

I urge you to demand that these, and other, specifics that conflict with/contradict that staff 545-page Report be prominently displayed right in front of any final Update that goes to the Council.

Thank you for your contribution, and please stay vigilant,  
[REDACTED]

**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 3:58 PM  
**To:** ParkDistrict1  
**Subject:** Tanager Park

Good evening,

My name is [REDACTED]. We live in [REDACTED].

We've lived in our home for 17 years. We specifically fell in love with the home because it's a cul de sac and the beautiful park behind our house. With our children we've used the park often and now with grandchildren. I can't imagine anyone on the city council, or anywhere else would want to live with lights glaring in their home, noise, trash, etc. Our homes would depreciate drastically. Our personal lives would change forever. Please reconsider. This space in a middle of homes is not where builders should ever think to make their money. I'm sure they wouldn't do it in their front or backyard.

Thank you

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone



**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 29, 2017 10:34 AM  
**To:** ParkDistrict1  
**Subject:** Tanager Park

Dear [REDACTED]

I have lived on [REDACTED] since 1985. I would very much like to see Tanager Park kept as it is with no additional development. We enjoyed that quiet park while raising our children and now we enjoy it with our grandchildren. Surely there are better places in Costa Mesa for larger public facilities.

We have already had to address parking issues in this neighborhood, due to the apartment complexes. That situation was helped by restricting the use of our streets to residents. It would be very upsetting to see grass and trees replaced by concrete.

Right now, it is a nice, safe place for children to play. Please keep it that way.

Respectfully,  
[REDACTED]

## MARTIN, JUSTIN

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 30, 2017 10:22 AM  
**To:** ParkDistrict4  
**Subject:** Feedback on parks in your area

### Submission information

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Submitter DB ID : 29038  
Submitter's language : Default language  
IP address: [REDACTED]  
Time to take the survey : 23 min. , 33 sec.  
Submission recorded on : 4/30/2017 10:21:44 AM

### Survey answers

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Your Name: [REDACTED]

Your Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Your E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

### Message:

I learned via the daily pilot that a master open space is under review.  
As I read the plan of 500 plus pages, I am truly disappointed that none of my neighbors were contacted for their input.  
FYI, you can use the public record request, you will find a out a cosiderable data regarding police calls, lwed acts, neighbor complains, etc.

Wakeham park by designation is a neighborhood park, which means that to be used by the residents within half mile radius???? This how the the master plan should reflect and not to make it a regional sport center:

- ☒ Two new tennis/pickleball courts
- ☒ Permanent sports lighting and artificial turf Additional ☒ Parking

No to all above : no soccer field, no lights and no no - the park is a neighborhood park and he the neighbors that I asked do no want he sport center.

If you truly need to improve, install security cameras and save the footage for reviews.  
Also, enforce the resident only can submit request for 30+ parties and not allow the commercial use by party business.

I recommend that you call for a get together meeting here at he pak and invite all the neighbors within half mile radius to seek their input.

You can call me or best, I can meet you for further input.



[REDACTED]

**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:29 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MARTIN, JUSTIN  
Tanager Park

Good Evening Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation,

Tanager Park is a neighborhood park with trees and grass and no public restrooms. The park is not only used by the upper birds, but so many of the surrounding neighborhoods. It should remain and "open space" local park and should never be considered for anything than green space. Tennis courts, a pool anything that would add cement or take away trees would be detrimental to all who enjoy the space and it makes no sense. Traffic is already congested from all the apartments and the golf course. Visit the park any time of day or on the weekends. It's already well used and busy.

Thank you for listening.

Keep Tanager Park a neighborhood park with Open Green Space!!

[REDACTED]

**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 9:03 AM  
**To:** ParkDistrict1  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Tananger Park

Mr. Pederson & Mr. Martin,

My wife Louise and I live one block from Tananger Park. We strongly oppose all aspects of the changes in Tananger Park proposed in the last version of the Costa Mesa Parks Master Plan. We like the park the way it is. On-going maintenance of existing features would be great. The proposed version of Tananger Park should not be shown in the Plan even as an example of a pool site. Feasibility and need studies for a pool facility should be done before such detail is included to the Master Plan.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 11:25 AM  
**To:** MARTIN, JUSTIN  
**Subject:** Tanager Park

Just a note to follow up on the results of the last meeting. Tanager Park should never have been considered as a site for an Aquatic Center, it is a small open neighborhood park and should be left as such.

If the city wants a pool, why not consider Costa Mesa Country Club which has not only the space, but the parking.

**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 7:18 PM  
**To:** ParkDistrict1  
**Subject:** Feedback on parks in your area

Submission information

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Submitter DB ID : 29140  
Submitter's language : Default language  
IP address : [REDACTED]  
Time to take the survey : 16 min. , 9 sec.  
Submission recorded on : 5/3/2017 7:17:37 PM

Survey answers

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Your Name: [REDACTED]

Your Phone Number:  
[REDACTED]

Your E-mail Address:  
[REDACTED]

Message:

Hi Kim,

I was able to attend last week's meeting in support of Tanager Park. Thank you to you and the rest of the Parks and Recreation Commission for your efforts to help us maintain and improve the quality of our neighborhoods and open spaces/parks in Costa Mesa. Tanager Park has been a true neighborhood connecting place for all of us in the Upper Birds area. It provides us with space to meet and play with family and friends, and just share life together. As you consider the Master Plan recommendations to our City Council, our request is that you recommend that Tanager Park is left as the open space it is now, and not developed further. Let me know if we can help answer any questions about this park that we love. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Costa Mesa, California

May 5, 2017

TO: Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Please take good note in the Update to the Open Space and Master Plan that Walking/Jogging/Running/Hiking Trails are listed at the top of the "Highest Priority Facilities" (page 73)

In Exhibit 3.7-1, page 72, Walking/Jogging Paths show a DEFICIT of 7.4.

On Page 81, "Commissions/Committees, the City's Bikeways and Walkability Committee IS NOT LISTED.

On Page 95, Program Needs Summary, #28, Walking/Running/Jogging/Hiking had the highest number of Tools that Identified Needs.

I urge you to work towards bringing more awareness to Costa Mesans of the wonderful hiking options in Talbert Park, Tewinkle Park, Canyon Park and Fairview Park.

I urge that you work with City staff towards improving restroom availability in all our City parks.

I urge that you work towards increasing developers' fees to support the City's recreational facilities. The City needs increased bike/pedestrian-friendly landscaping and environment. This all costs money.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]



**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 5:20 PM  
**To:** ParkDistrict1  
**Subject:** Tanager Park

Please be aware that I am OPPOSED to a pool at Tanager Park.  
Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**Submitted 5/10/17**  
**Commissioner Ersoylu Feedback on OSMP Draft (v.2)**  
**Follow-up Meeting was held on 5/11/17 w/ these questions addressed**

**ISSUE 1: Park Acreage & Equity Map:** on page 59, the service area map should not include the community gardens. It should not have the full radius around Shalimar Park (only .18 acres). Furthermore, the circle-map, as-is, does not give us a clear picture of park inequity that can be used as a baseline to compare future state of affairs. In addition, this number should NOT include the 1.5 acres for schools; the best practices is to only count open green spaces that are available to the public anytime. Gated off areas on school property do not meet that criteria and should not be factored into the city's desired acreage/1,000 goal. In addition, Lions Park is not 12.8 acres of accessible park space; the true acreage of open, accessible green space should be in the OSMP, not 12.8 acres, much of which is a building, parking lot and fenced off, locked and inaccessible areas. This change would alter our actual # acres of park space.

A further suggestion, looking to the future and knowing this plan will be used for years to come, is that the acres/1,000 people should be calculated for each of the 6 council district areas. In addition, these numbers can be compared against state averages for cities our size, as well as compare against the city's goal of 5.76 acres/1,000 (p28). This will give us a clear baseline of which Districts are facing the biggest inequity, and this data can be used as a factor in any future park planning; ensuring all residents are living in areas with park amenities.

**ISSUE 2: Methods & Data:** Here, my basic concern remains, in addition to my feedback provided before the March 15<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting (which goes into more detail), that the methods of data collection & analysis, which drive the findings/recommendations, are not clearly articulated and, in some events, may not be accurately reflecting the true needs of the community.



The methods dictate the kind of data collected. The data impacts our priorities for the next 10 years; it is critical we get them right, so that the rest of the process and planning we do is meaningful.

1. As a start, "Open Space" should be listed as one of our 'Highest' Priority Facilities in the OSMP (p118), not 'high'. Moreover, it seems that, in that same listing on p.118, the other elements should be double-checked for accuracy. In particular, having 'swimming pool' listed as a priority should be reviewed, after the methods and data analysis are reviewed (and revised) as follows.
2. **Please review the matrices on p. 74 and p.95.** The data on these pages impact the priorities listed on p. 73 and 94...There is a need to have a clear explanation of the methods and basically, let us know, 'what did it take/ what was the threshold to get an item to receive an 'x' in the matrices?'. Without knowing the methods, we simply cannot know if the data is valid or not. For instance, if the Q17 "what is one facility you would like to see..." was used for the first column, this skews the data away from Open Space, as respondents would likely not

consider 'open space' to be a facility (by definition, it is the absence of facilities). Therefore, it is unclear how open space could make it into the 'x' for any of the resident phone survey columns (although it clearly should if the question Q20 was factored in, at 43%)...

Item in Needs ID Tool	Resident Phone Survey (x2)	Demand Needs Analysis (x2)	Resident Phone Survey (wants)	Wks 1A	Wks 1B	Wks 2	Wks 3	Sport Org Survey	Rec Trends
Issue/ Notes regarding the variable	<p>What question(s) are these 'x' based on exactly? Is it q 13, q19, q19, q20, other?</p> <p>What was the threshold % needed to warrant an 'x' here?</p> <p>For instance, if it IS q17, pool received 2% (6 responses of 400)... Yet, swimming pool received 'x' in this column. On the other hand, Open Space, which was 43% when asked 'improvements desired' did NOT have an 'x' here.</p>	<p>Here, the Demand Need analysis only included facilities. Therefore, Open Space was not an option that could garner an 'x'. It is odd that this column is weighted x2</p>	<p>Similar to the first column, what was the exact survey question that is corresponding to this column. Again, Open Space was identified as the leading 'improvement desired' at 43% but did NOT have an 'x' here. It is odd to have a phone survey counted essentially triple (2x in first column and here as well).</p>	<p>There was an entire workshop dedicated to sports facilities; therefore, it was not an open ranking of what community needs/wants are, as it was focused exclusively on sports, whereas the other 3 workshops were more generic.</p> <p>In addition, having each workshop have it's own column where a potential 'x' can be marked allows for activists to weigh in (for instance, attend all community meetings) and those issues can essentially be double-counted. That may or may not have happened; but reporting data this way leaves it open to that bias</p>	1B	2	3	<p>This was a survey of 18 Sport Organization representatives; what was the threshold for an item to receive an 'x' in this column. For instance, did 9 of 18 need to respond a certain way for an 'x', or was an 'x' received if only 1 of the respondents had a certain concern?</p>	

In addition to the questionable/unclear methods, highlighted above, it is also interesting that, for instance, the Commissions in the city were not engaged via focus group- for instance, the Senior Commission (given the Plan's mention of the projected expansion of that population) or the Arts Commission at a minimum...Data is only as good as the methods used, and when the methods skew toward over-gathering of sports-related data, the outcome will inevitably be sports-related issues are prioritized.

*\*As a side-note, please do not interpret my critique as an assault on sports. I grew up playing organized sports from about age 6-26; sports gave my siblings and I opportunities we never would have otherwise had. I love organized sports. Lest my comments are taken out of context as they were (by some) during the Study Session, I personally am not anti-sports. Rather, I am pro-social science. I simply want our city's planning to be evidence-based and data-driven.*

Sincerely,  
Commissioner Leah Ersoylu (May 10, 2017)

**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:07 PM  
**To:** ParkDistrict5  
**Subject:** Recreation & 10 year improvement plan west side

1) Upkeep on roads. 700 block of Center Street behind Smart n Final is in great need road replacement not just taring. Lots of spaces for trip and fall. 2) Next keep the summer recreation programs for students at the Rec center to keep kids from idle time. 3) More classes at Senior center such as free computer courses, and other free courses. Costing classes eliminate those who wish to do so. 4) keep graffiti removal and phone hotline with West side costa mesa. 5) Upkeep rental home violation such as 739 center needing paint, junk and repair. 6) sidewalks on Weilo and Westside for walking recreation and handicap walk ramps. Westside is a major walking community. Muddy and rain holes, tripping areas see Wallace as example. 7) lions park...open up gates, water fountains, walkways, benches, recreation workout stations, Update play area park for kids 8) rehabs taking community parking crowding community 8) Holiday bar to left of smart n final removal and change center to family friendly not alcohol , noise, and house rumbling from Holiday bar till way into the AM....Street overflow parking on Center st etc. Redo parking lot as a passage way to walkers in community. El Toro Bravo landmark of Mexican flavor.

[REDACTED]  
30 year Costa Mesa residents

[REDACTED]  
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I urge you to stop any future development at Tanager Park and to not approve the current Master Plan for the City Council to approve.

Sincerely,

A blacked-out redacted signature.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [ParkDistrict3](#); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#); [MARTIN, JUSTIN](#)  
**Subject:** Tanager Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:46:12 PM

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To the Costa Mesa Parks & Recreation Council and Justin Martin,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] in the Upper Birds tract. I have lived in Costa Mesa since birth and have been in this neighborhood since June 2009. My husband and I bought in this tract because of Tanager Park. I would like to request that the future building of an aquatics center, tennis courts or any other change to Tanager Park be removed from the City's Master Plan.

I attended your last meeting on April 27th and was appalled to learn about the Master Plan. The consulting firm had not made the changes you requested at your March meeting, the residents they polled was less than .003% of the population in Costa Mesa, the high need for an aquatics center is not mentioned at all in the report until it simply shows up later in the report as the second most important need in the city. Clearly this report is deceptive and should not be passed on for City Council's approval.

Lastly, I'd like to mention I have multiple family members who live in Costa Mesa. All have been residents for over 30 years. Not one of them have seen or heard about this Master Plan. The city needs to do a better job of informing its residents of changes in and around their neighborhood. A simple map on the city website that you could click on and see what could be "Proposed Development" in and around your home would be sufficient. Instead of having to go through a 70+ page document. When proposed development gets buried in a document, the community loses faith and trust in their government.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [parkdistrict3@costamesca.gov](mailto:parkdistrict3@costamesca.gov); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#)  
**Cc:** [MARTIN, JUSTIN](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation updating topic  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:46:13 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Costa Mesa. My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived in this city since 1984. My husband and I have been playing recreational tennis at the Costa Mesa Tennis Center operated by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for over 10 years.

I would respectfully ask the city to please consider addressing the idea of upgrading the facilities at the tennis center with new bathrooms and such to support both local and USTA sanctioned tournaments for the future Pros etc. I noticed that we have lost the hosting of these events and thus loss of income to the city because the existing conditions at the tennis center don't meet the needs required to conduct the big tournaments like having changing rooms and a medical timeout rooms and locker rooms for the players.

What is sorely needed for the tennis center are more courts dedicated to the use of ball machines and a dedicated practice court. There is no need for a practice wall just more courts with maybe one in grass and one in clay to help support future pro tennis players and local players from all over the world.

This would surely increase the income earned for the city and tennis center.

Tennis playing is incredibly healthy for folks of all ages and shouldn't be hampered by the surrounding smells of the dog bark and the distractions of the skate park which attracts undesirable types of people and frequent police calls to deal with issues that occur there. The skate park does not bring in an income for the city but the tennis center sure does !!

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [ParkDistrict3](#); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#)  
**Cc:** [MARTIN, JUSTIN](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding the Open Space Master Plan of the Parks and Recreation Updating Topic  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:46:07 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Costa Mesa. My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived in this city since 1984. My husband and I have been playing recreational tennis at the Costa Mesa Tennis Center operated by [REDACTED] for over 10 years.

I would respectfully ask the city to please consider addressing the idea of upgrading the facilities at the Tennis center with new bathrooms and such to support both the local and USTA sanctioned tournaments for the future Pros etc. I noticed that we have lost the hosting of these big events and thus this has caused a loss of income to the city because the existing conditions at the tennis center don't meet the needs required to conduct the big tournaments like having changing rooms, medical time out rooms, or locker rooms for the players that travel all over the world to participate in these yearly tournaments. Also the local city leagues would greatly benefit from this upgrade as well.

What is sorely needed for the Tennis center are more courts dedicated to the use of the ball machines and a dedicated practice court for daily business that can leave more courts open for league play, high school practices, private lessons, round robin events and such. There is no need for a Practice wall and none of my multiplude of tennis friends have ever expressed a need for one. What would be ideal is to add two more courts : one in Grass and one in Clay to draw in more business from future pro tennis players world wide and also benefit local players to sharpen their skills and keep challenging their cardio fitness etc.

Tennis is a healthy sport for all ages . There is no need for more parking spaces next to the courts and no need for more skate parks that DO not generate income for the city. Unfortunately there is already too much distraction form the existing skate park that involves frequent police calls to deal with issues that occur there.

Let's put some city pride in this wonderful Tennis Center and keep it on the map for all avid tennis fans alike.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [ParkDistrict3](#); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#)  
**Cc:** [MARTIN, JUSTIN](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:46:01 PM

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Dear Commissioners:

With respect to the Update of the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation, I sent comments several weeks back, but I would like to add that you need to consider the consultant's recommendations with respect to the Tennis Center. I don't know how he arrived at several recommendations, but it wasn't from speaking to the users or the current operators because some, such as a practice wall, aren't needed or desired by the players. Practice walls are noisy and inefficient. Players now use ball machines instead. What we would like is a locker/changing/medical timeout room and upgraded bathrooms. Not only would that serve the players from our community, but it would enable us to bring back the USTA sanctioned tournament that we lost to Fountain Valley because we did not have that facility.

In addition, the City needs to examine how the expansion of the adjacent skate park is going to impact the City. I don't have anything against skaters, per se, but the cost of providing public services (police and fire) to control the substantial amount of illegal and unsavory activity associated with it is objectionable. The marijuana and cigarette smoke drifting from there and the dog park onto the tennis courts is one thing, but the frequent loud arguments/fights in the parking lot and restrooms results in police calls. In addition, the failure to use protective equipment results in calls for medical assistance. The pro shop at the tennis center sells drinks and snacks to the skaters, but the skaters also use the "five finger discount." Very few skaters use helmets and pads and they just run to the parking lot when the police show up. Perhaps the City needs to have the skate park staffed full time or at least postpone any expansion until we have enough officers to properly police it.

Thank you for your consideration.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [parkdistrict1@costamesaca.gov](mailto:parkdistrict1@costamesaca.gov); [ParkDistrict2](mailto:ParkDistrict2); [ParkDistrict3](mailto:ParkDistrict3); [ParkDistrict4](mailto:ParkDistrict4); [parkdistric5@costamesaca.gov](mailto:parkdistric5@costamesaca.gov)  
**Cc:** [MARTIN, JUSTIN](#)  
**Subject:** Tennis Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:50:53 PM

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Hello- My friend recently submitted the below email message. I would like to "second" her sentiments. I agree with the message below. Although I currently don't live in Costa Mesa, I was a 10 year resident. I still frequent the tennis center a couple times a week. Even though I live in Laguna Beach now, I have had positive experiences with the people (staff and other players) at the Costa Mesa Tennis Center so I have continued to play there even after moving 5 years ago. I think the points made below are well worth consideration in order to ensure all of us Tennis Center participants continue to have a positive experience. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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In addition, the City needs to examine how the expansion of the adjacent skate park is going to impact the City. The skate park does not directly generate any income for the City. While I don't have anything against skaters, per se, the cost of providing services to control the substantial amount of illegal and unsavory activity associated with the skate park is objectionable. The marijuana and cigarette smoke drifting from there and the dog park onto the tennis courts compounded by the frequent loud arguments/fights in the parking lot and restrooms result in police calls. In addition, the failure to use protective equipment results in calls for medical assistance. This is all money lost by the City.

Thank you for your consideration.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [ParkDistrict3](#); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#)  
**Cc:** [MARTIN, JUSTIN](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:45:51 PM

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Dear Commissioners:

With respect to the Update of the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation, but I would like to voice my opinion and request to give more thoughts to revise this plan.

I am specifically writing about the plan about the Costa Mesa Tennis Center. The place is actually more than a place with a lot of tennis courts.

Though I currently live in Irvine, I have been playing at the center for over 6 years, and I have built such many positive relationships (Costa Mesa citizens!!) who love to play at the center under the management by Hank and Maureen. If it were not for these positive relationships, I am not sure how I have gone through some difficult times and challenges in my life (from processing grief from various losses to finishing my PhD dissertation!) as well as sharing the joy in my life!

As you may know already, the tennis center is where many people build relationships, and it is the place many people have their children learn tennis, tennis player of all ages and ability, from little children to USTA players, to future (professional) players, express our love and passion for the sport.

I agree with other players I spoke with (whom you might have receive emails from them) that a practice wall, isn't what is requested nor desired by the players. Players now use ball machines instead.

Moreover, what we would really want is a locker/changing/medical timeout room and upgraded bathrooms. Not only would that serve the players from our community, but it would enable us to bring back the USTA sanctioned tournament that we lost to Fountain Valley because we do not have that facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [ParkDistrict3](#); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#)  
**Cc:** [MARTIN, JUSTIN](#)  
**Subject:** Costa Mesa Tennis Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:45:56 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I have been operating the Costa Mesa Tennis Center since 1998. It has been brought to my attention that the deadline for public comments to the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation is today. If I could just make a couple of suggestions of what is needed and or not needed. The expense of a practice wall is not needed. We provide two ball machines for rental. There was a Master Plan over ten years ago that included the addition of a ball machine court behind courts 9 and 10. It was replaced by a small dog park that was to be temporary. Also in the Master Plan was to build courts adjacent to courts 12 and 6. This was instead replaced with more space to the dog park. don't want to sound like sour grapes but it would be nice to be included in some discussion in regards to the tennis facility. It is a very unique setting that I take great pride in.

In 2008 it was awarded facility of the year by The Southern California Tennis Association. Showers would greatly add to the use of the facility as would two more courts. I do get request for pickle ball courts also. The courts are also in need of resurfacing. I would like to work with the City to get this done.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [ParkDistrict3](#); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#)  
**Subject:** Comments regarding the updated master plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:45:54 PM

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Dear Commissioners -

I'm emailing you because I was told that this is the only mechanism the public has at our disposal to comment on the master plan. I'm not sure all of you even receive emails sent to these addresses, so this is not much of a positive feedback system for the submitter.

I do want to ask that you stick to your guns on pushing back on the methodology used to develop the report and many of its conclusions.

The consultant's "trust me, your comments will be in the final draft after you approve the plan" sentiment at the last Parks Commission meeting was a laughable and pretty insulting so I applaud you for not falling for it. The only thing that matters is what is written on the page before you approve the plan, so please know that there are many of us who support however much time it takes to get this right.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** ParkDistrict1; ParkDistrict2; ParkDistrict3; MARTIN, JUSTIN; ParkDistrict5; ParkDistrict4  
**Subject:** Proposed development of Tanager Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:46:10 PM

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Dear Mr. Peterson and other Commissioners of Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Commission;

Please do not make any changes to Tanager Park neighborhood park, instead amend the open space master plan to keep Tanager Park a neighborhood park as it is; open space with beautiful trees, a walking loop volley ball courts, playground, workout circuit, basketball court and a tennis/pickleball/rollerhockey/court. It is a small well used neighborhood park surrounded on all sides by houses and / or apartments. Tanager Park is used daily by many many neighborhood residents for walking, exercising, picnicking, social gatherings, youth athletic practice area for smaller children, just to name a few and the children's playground is in use throughout the week and the weekends. Any addition of a community swimming pool, lighted tennis courts ... are not a desirable addition to the neighborhood, not only causing noise and light pollution problems but the proposed changes would certainly draw people from outside the neighborhood, possibly from outside of Costa Mesa into a small neighborhood causing a substantial increase in traffic in an area that has already been adversely impacted by the increase in population caused by the changes in the neighboring apartments buildings the addition of Azulon the senior living complex and the neighborhood development at the corner of Mesa Verde and Adams next to the Mesa Verde Center. Our neighborhood shouldn't bear the cost of Costa Mesa council allowing high density housing projects and not requiring them to provide amenities such as a swimming pool, exercise areas, courts.... There are already pools at CMHS, Estancia HS, OCC, Halecrest, and the Downtown community center as well as some fitness clubs that have swimming pools, Tennis courts at CMHS, Estancia, HS OCC, and Halecrest. Additionally many communities outside of California eg: Tacoma WA and Austin TX have removed pools due to cost of upkeep and liability, I'm not sure why CM is considering adding liability and upkeep cost to a wonderful (as is) little neighborhood park.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [ParkDistrict3](#); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#)  
**Subject:** Tanager Park Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:46:04 PM

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My husband and I live on Bluebird Circle which is one of the streets that borders the park. We are vehemently opposed to the idea of tennis courts in the park. Not only would potential lighting be a problem for the houses that are around the park but we would also fear that it may attract additional vagrants to our area. Already we have problems with strange individuals hanging around in our neighborhood.

The park is truly enjoyed by many neighbors in and outside of our specific neighborhood that enjoy the park for walking their dogs, exercising, parties other various gatherings, I often see parents with their children practicing sports the kids are participating in.

We feel taking up this valuable acreage for courts when there are other better solutions in the City for courts would be a poor decision.

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [ParkDistrict1](#); [ParkDistrict2](#); [ParkDistrict3](#); [ParkDistrict4](#); [ParkDistrict5](#); [justin.martic@costamesaca.gov](mailto:justin.martic@costamesaca.gov)  
**Subject:** Tanager Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:46:07 PM

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Dear Commissioner,  
We attended the last meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. We thank you very much for your consideration of our request to eliminate plans to change Tanager Park in any way. It is a wonderful neighborhood park that is highly used by members of the community. We believe that the proposed changes would ruin the beauty and serenity that we now enjoy.  
Respectively,

[REDACTED]

## MARTIN, JUSTIN

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**From:** Arlis Reynolds [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** MARTIN, JUSTIN; HALL, SAMANTHA; SETHURAMAN, RAJA; MEJIA, BALTAZAR  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Costa Mesa Parks and Open Space issues

Team - please include in the record this email from a resident.

Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thu, May 25, 2017 at 2:52 PM  
**Subject:** Costa Mesa Parks and Open Space issues  
**To:** Arlis Reynolds [REDACTED]

Hello Arlis,

I saw your post on Facebook that some email messages to the Parks and Rec Commission might have lost in cyber space. I appreciate your notification and listing your email address for contact information. I had not sent a previous email to the Parks and Rec but I do have some thoughts so I hope you will indulge me in reading this email.

I have been reading the document presented to the city that studied our parks and open space. I attended one of the not-well advertised neighborhood workshops. Those meetings were not well publicized and even though the small group (at the one I attended) were sincere and involved I don't think they really represented the entire community and not all our concerns were addressed.

One concern I would like the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider is the impact of artificial turf in our parks in terms of the creation "heat island" and other health and safety affects. I've done a little research and there are significant problems with covering our grassy parks with artificial turf. This is a detailed article citing research and concerns about the hazards of synthetic

turf(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2265067/>) There are many articles posted online but this one seemed most reputable. Essentially there are concerns about increased injuries to athletes, the rubber "crumbs" (from recycled rubber) that is linked to numerous adverse health affects (especially for young children), etc. Another big problem is "Direct temperature measurements conducted during site visits showed that synthetic turf fields can get up to 60° hotter than grass, with surface temperatures reaching 160°F on summer days. For example, on 6 July 2007, a day in which the atmospheric temperature was 78°F in the early afternoon, the temperature on a grass field that was receiving direct sunlight was 85°F while an adjacent synthetic turf field had heated to 140°F. "Exposures of ten minutes or longer to surface temperatures above 122°F can cause skin injuries, so this is a real concern," said Joel Forman, medical director of the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, speaking at a 6 December 2007 symposium on the issue. Many physical properties of synthetic turf—including its dark pigments, low-density mass, and lack of ability to vaporize water and cool the surrounding air—make it particularly efficient at increasing its temperature when exposed to the sun. This is not only a hazard for users, but also can contribute to the "heat island effect," in which cities become hotter than surrounding areas because of heat absorbed by dark man-made surfaces such as roofs and asphalt. From many site visits to both black roofs and synthetic turf fields, Gaffin has concluded that the fields rival black roofs in their elevated surface temperatures." If golf courses don't use artificial turf I don't think we should consider it for our children to play on.

The issue of "heat island effect" should also be considered as the city considers the Fairview State Hospital property. That large open space, from the Fairview Park and onto the Fairview State Hospital property provides a lovely natural cooling system for much of Costa Mesa. If that area gets significant development there will be a considerable loss of cooling breezes and rise in air temperature for the College Park area and other adjoining parts of Costa Mesa. I encourage the city leaders to research the importance of all natural spaces in our community and to preserve as much nature as possible. If there really is a viable need for sports fields perhaps the city could consider large indoor spaces, possibly in the Los Angeles Times facility. Many other communities throughout the country have indoor facilities for sports we, in SoCal, consider to be "outdoor" sports. Perhaps it is time to consider indoor soccer fields, where lighting would not be an issue to neighbors, and synthetic turf could be utilized, as long as it doesn't have excessive rubber pellets. It is worth doing more research.

Also some minor issues regarding the Open Space document.

- On the table regarding "Existing Public Schools" listing the features it mentions that Woodland Elementary has a running track. That is not correct. There is no running track at Woodland Elementary. Nearby Kaiser Elementary has a very overgrown and poorly maintained sort of track, but it is in really bad shape and not mentioned on that same table (page 40 of the online document). On that same table it mentions basketball courts at Woodland Elementary but please realize that Woodland is the only K-2nd grade school in NMUSD and the basketball courts are for little children, and the school is also locked most weekends and evenings. I think it is misleading to include facilities such as Woodland in the same context as other schools in Costa Mesa.
- Also when various "organized" groups share the fields with the schools in NMUSD these groups usually set up large metal storage containers on the fields. These containers take up valuable space on the fields, plus they obscure the visibility for school officials when they are supervising children playing on the fields during school hours. The children are fully aware of this and sometimes there are problems with certain behavior behind these large containers. Even a small space can be enough for children to misbehave! Also I have seen children climb up these containers (after school and on weekends) and that is very dangerous, especially when they jump off. I challenge the city and the school district to find better solutions than parking these large storage containers on the school property.
- On several maps in the Open Space Master Plan document it shows Jordan Park (on Tustin Ave) as including all of Kaiser Elementary field. That is incorrect since Jordan Park is a small portion of the Kaiser Elementary field, which is locked off during school hours, and even some weekends and holidays.
- The bike lanes listed on page 43 of the Open Space Master Plan do not include the bike lanes on Broadway, which should be encouraged as an alternative to very busy and dangerous East 17th Street. If I ride my bike on East 17th Street I ride on the sidewalk, which I know is not really legal but it is preferable to getting run over on the actual street. I would encourage the city to consider listing the bike lane on Broadway, or putting a bike lane on East 18th Street, as preferable and safer for all bicyclists.
- As a responsible dog owner I would like to see more dog waste dispensers in our local parks. There are many dog walkers in our community (the city dog licenses numbers may not accurately reflect the actual number of dogs in our town.) and our sidewalks and trails are well used by those of us enjoying the fresh air with our pets. We are very careful about cleaning up after our dog and perhaps if there were dog waste bag dispensers at all of our parks more people would also be diligent. The local park near our home, Jordan Park, does not have any dog waste bag dispensers and there are many dog owners who enjoy that park. There is also no water fountain in Jordan Park and it is visited by many families, plus the Boys and Girls club and other groups. It would be nice to have a little water station for the community.
- Another issue with using the local schools for numerous organized sports is the parking issues. Our local elementary schools were built when kids walked to school and the parking lots are small compared to actual need, since many of these schools now have a much higher enrollment than when they were built also. Please consider the impact all of these extra cars have on neighborhoods when school fields are

used for large sports groups. This is especially true for any planned evening uses since that is really when the adjoining neighborhoods rely on street parking for the residents.

I apologize for the length of this message but I appreciate the opportunity to share them with you. I wish I could attend the meeting tonight but I have prior obligations. I appreciate your leadership in our city and the hard work of the entire Parks and Recreation Commission.

Thank you,

A blacked-out redacted signature.

**MARTIN, JUSTIN**

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**From:** Jose Duarte <theduartes5@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:12 PM  
**To:** ParkDistrict1  
**Cc:** Jose Duarte  
**Subject:** Parks and Open Space Master Plan Meeting

Dear Parks and Rec Commissioner,

My name is Jose Duarte, a 20 year Costa Mesa Resident and Home Owner. I am writing to ask you to prioritize funding for more lighted fields, turf fields and additional field space at the Fairview Developmental Center for multi use fields. We currently have a shortage of fields in our city. Sports help to keep the children in our community involved in worthwhile activities and off the streets!

Sincerely,

Jose Duarte

### **Commissioner Reynolds : 5/25/17 - Recommendations for OSMP**

- Update Park Inventory and total acreage to reflect the actual acreage of parks regardless of what acreage may be listed in other reports. The park data in this report should be accurate.
- Include (or consolidate) recommendations on how the city could increase the open space acreage. (There are one or two recommendations scattered among the pages – these should be restated in the summaries where we present Open Space as a Top Facility priority AND a Top Program priority.)
- Re-calculate of current acres per 1000 resident, based on the following:
  - Use accurate and up-to-date park acreage values (i.e., reflects actual size of accessible park space)
  - Include only acreage that meets the definition of **open space** on page 23: “For the purposes of this report, “Open Space” shall be defined as any open piece of land that is undeveloped, has no buildings or other built structures, partly or completely covered with trees, grass, shrubs, or other vegetation and is generally accessible by the public.”
- Executive Summary
  - Include “Top Priority Programs” (page 94) in the Executive Summary as we have done for “Top Priority Facilities” (page 16).
  - Include Summary Table (page 119) in Exec Summary
  - Executive Summary should clearly state the target acres/resident metric (acres/1000 residents) and our current value (based on accurate acreage data) AND compare the city’s current “score” to other cities.
  - Include language in the Executive summary that the findings and recommendations are based on an assumption of <1% growth in population through 2035; and include your statement about need to update needs and recommendations if the actual population growth is higher than expected.
- Add the following relevant studies to Section 1.6 “Relationship to Other Documents” (page 29):
  - Talbert Regional Park Restoration Plan (is this the same as the “Talbert Regional Park Final Habitat Restoration Plan”?)
  - City Funded Feasibility Study (for turf and lights at NMUSD sites)
  - North Costa Mesa Specific Plan
  - Lions Park Master Plan (expected completion in January 2020)
- Exhibit 2.3-2 – Park Inventory (page 37)
  - Correct the typo “LOA” in the Parking column
  - Indicate the date (or month-year) of data collection on the park inventory; or indicate the source of information of these are secondary data.
  - Use accurate acreage values.
  - Include findings based on examination of this inventory. If you cannot compare to a park standard (e.g., minimum or typical park equipment), then use “professional judgement” to examine data and highlight things like only XX% of parks have bike racks or only XX% of parks have drinking fountains. *(Yes, this is in scope – unless scope is limited to data collection.)*
- Add the bubble map back in (in addition to the new map from the general plan) – since all the language in Section 3.3 Service Area Analysis is describing the bubble map.

- Remove language on data collection representing 9,427 residents. I understand the math behind this number, but the implied meaning is misleading – and not all people included in data collection are residents (e.g., interviews with officials from other cities, sports orgs with some fraction of non-Costa Mesa residents)
- Page 110, Trails – Remove the statement that “In many cases, these routes would best be served as a paved surface.”
- Opportunity Sites
  - Distinguish sites that Costa Mesa owns from sites that Costa Mesa does not own. (This should just be a simple reordering of the list).
  - Include “all city parks”, not just Fairview Park and TeWinkle Park
- Summary Table (page 119)
  - Include all “Top Priorities” identified in the study OR explain that the table only shows the priorities that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Indicate (e.g., with a footnote) which Recommendations in the last column are already being implemented by Staff.
  - Recommendations table (Exhibit 5.4-1, page 119) should include “Encouragement for stronger JUAs” and “installation of turf fields” if those are opportunities to satisfy all or some fraction of the identified need for sports fields.
- Section 5.3 – Recreation Facility Recommendations
  - A number of these items are maintenance recommendations and redundant to the list in Section 5.2 (e.g., maintenance manual, central irrigation). Consolidate maintenance recommendations in Section 5.2 and eliminate redundant recommendations.
- Include the Commission comments and responses packet with the report to Staff.
- Remove swimming pool as a Top Priority in the Summary Table, unless this table reflects all the identified “Top Priorities” identified through the Facility and Program needs analysis.

### **Recommendations Beyond the OSMP Report**

- Conduct a separate Park Access and Equity Assessment following industry-approved approach
  - This should include calculation of park metrics by district as well as city-wide
- Continue public engagement and outreach on resident wish lists and ideas for parks and recreation facilities and programs.
- Collect input from community (or commission a report) to identify opportunities throughout the city to acquire new open space and increase our open space acreage.
- Complete the following for future budget/investment decisions related to Parks & Rec budget:
  - Complete park inventory and equity assessment – including analysis of gaps in standard park facility & equipment inventory, benchmarking of key metrics (e.g., acres of open space per 1000 residents), and equity analysis
  - Set goals, metrics, and strategy/policy to eliminate “park poor” areas.
  - Collect additional resident input for each park (use your Commissioners and other park ambassadors) and city-wide related to parks & rec interests and priorities

Exhibit 3.3-1: Costa Mesa General Plan: Figure OSR-2: Park Access

